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SUBJECT: ZIMMERMANN BLAMES APRA AND FAR LEFT FOR CIVIL STRIKE;
OTHERS BLAME CIA

ARA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. LAST NIGHT (FEBRUARY 6) AP INFORMED EMBASSY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESS SPOKESMAN CURRENTLY IN U.S., OSCAR FAURA, SAID CIA COULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND FEBRUARY 5-6 RIOTS IN LIMA. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN TEXT OF FAURA WASHINGTON DECLARATION NOR HAS LOCAL PRESS CARRIED IT SO FAR.

2. SINCE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN MAY BE ASKED ABOUT ACCUSATIONS THAT CIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLENCE (AND THIS MORNING'S FAR-LEFT EXPRESO BLAMES APRA AND CIA), I CALL AGUSTO ZIMMERMANN'S DECLARATION TO YOUR ATTENTION. ZIMMERMANN CHARGES APRA AND FAR LEFT, PEKING-LINE GROUPS WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOMENTING CIVIL DISTURBANCES. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED CRONICA OF FEBRUARY 7, AGUSTO ZIMMERMANN, PRESIDENT VELASCO'S PRESS SECRETARY, SAID QTE. THE ACTS OF VANDALISM (PILLAJE) OF THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, CONSTITUTED PART OF A WELL-SYNCHRONIZED PLAN BETWEEN APRA AND THE FAR-LEFT GROUPS, PATRIA ROJA AND BANDERA ROJA. END QTE.

3. ZIMMERMANN'S STATEMENT DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS FAURA'S
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ONLY) AND COMMUNIQUE BY GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS
SUCH AS NEWSMEN'S ORGANIZATION (FPP) AND BY OTHERS SUCH AS
MOSCOW-LINE COMMUNISTS (PCP) CHARGING CIA INVOLVEMENT. I
BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENT ISSUE STATEMENT
DENYING ANY USG INVOLVEMENT WHATSOEVER IN FEBRUARY 5-6 EVENTS
AND PUBLICLY ASSURE GOP THAT USG HAS NOT, IS NOT, AND WILL
NOT INTERVENE IN PERUVIAN AFFAIRS. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT
SINCE SOME ELEMENTS WITHIN GOP DO INDEED BELIEVE USG IS
INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING LIMA DISTURBANCES.
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